



State of New Hampshire
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Edward M. O'Connor
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Re: Water Well Contractor License

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. WD 02-02

October 9, 2002

A. INTRODUCTION

This Administrative Order is issued by the Department of Environmental Services, Water Division, to Edward M. O'Connor, pursuant to RSA 482-B:16, I.

B. PARTIES

1. The Department of Environmental Services, Water Division ("DES"), is a duly constituted administrative agency of the State of New Hampshire, having its principal offices at 6 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH.
2. Edward M. O'Connor is an individual doing business as Tap'd Out Artesian Well Company having a mailing address of RR1 Box 99, Province Rd, West Strafford, NH 03884.

C. STATEMENT OF FACTS AND LAW

1. RSA 482-B regulates water well contractors and pump installers and establishes the NH Water Well Board ("Board"). Pursuant to rulemaking authority conferred by RSA 482-B:4, the Board has adopted rules to implement this regulatory program (We 100 to 1000, "Water Well Rules"). Under RSA 482-B:8 and RSA 482-B:16, DES has concurrent authority with the Board to enforce RSA 482-B and the Water Well Rules.
2. On July 30, 2002, DES personnel observed a cable tool drill set up on property located at 31 Lower Camp Road, Northwood, NH. DES staff also observed that well construction was in progress and the well casing was installed.
3. Upon further investigation, DES personnel learned that the owner and operator of the drill machine was Edward M. O'Connor of West Strafford, NH.
4. RSA 482-B:5 requires a person to obtain a water well contractor license and a pump installer license before engaging in the business of constructing a well or installing a pump.

5. Edward M. O'Connor d/b/a Tap'd Out Artesian Well Company is not a licensed water well contractor in the State of New Hampshire.
6. NH Water Well Board records indicate that Edward M. O'Connor applied for a water well contractor license under the name Tap'd Out Artesian Well Company on May 31, 2002 and failed to pass the written examination on June 13, 2002.

D. DETERMINATION OF VIOLATION

1. Edward M. O'Connor d/b/a Tap'd Out Artesian Well Company violated RSA 482-B:5 by engaging in the business of well construction without first having obtained a water well contractor license.

E. ORDER

Based on the above findings and determination, DES hereby orders, Edward M. O'Connor as follows:

1. Immediately cease and desist from engaging, or offering to engage, in the business of well construction until such time as you have obtained a water well contractor license issued by the Board.
2. Send correspondence, data, reports, and other submissions made in connection with this Administrative Order, **other than appeals**, to DES as follows:

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F. APPEAL

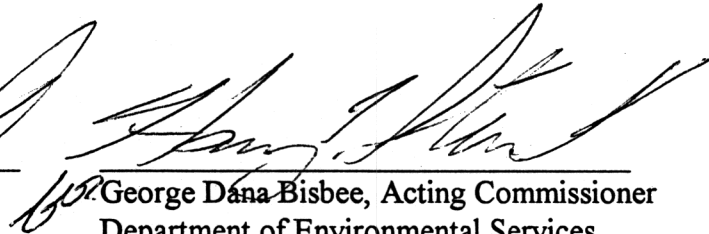
Any person aggrieved by this Order may appeal the Order to the Water Well Board, by filing an appeal that meets the requirements specified in We 200 within 30 days of the date of this Order. Copies of the rules are available from the DES Public Information Center at (603) 271-2975 or at <http://www.des.state.nh.us/desadmin.htm>. Appealing the Order does not automatically relieve you of the obligation to comply with the Order.

G. OTHER PROVISIONS

Please note that RSA 482-B:16 provides for administrative fines, civil penalties, and criminal penalties for the violations noted in this Order, as well as for failing to comply with the Order

itself. You remain obligated to comply with all applicable requirements. DES will continue to monitor your compliance with applicable requirements and will take appropriate action if additional violations are discovered.


Harry T. Stewart, P.E., Director
Water Division


George Dana Bisbee, Acting Commissioner
Department of Environmental Services

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